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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Planning, Programming and Budgeting

SUBJECT : CIA Planning Assumptions -- 1969-1973

1. Attached is our statement of views on the world situation (1969-73), prepared in response to the Executive Director-Comptroller's request, for your use in the forthcoming PPB cycle.

2. We have generally followed the format of the comparable part of last year's exercise, i.e., general and regional sections. Successive drafts of this paper have been discussed with the Board of National Estimates and our regional staffs, and we also held some discussion on it at a recent meeting of our consultants at Princeton.

3. I would like to emphasize here, as is done in the text, that much of our assessment is couched in terms of possibilities, contingencies, "mights," etc. -- rather than single most probable courses of development. No projection, for a period this remote, can be very confident, and we have been mindful that we are writing for prudent planning, rather than a conventional estimate.

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Acting Deputy Director
National Estimates

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